

LESSON PLAN

Rules of Engagement

MODULE ONE. FOUNDATION: *UNIT IV. International Humanitarian Law*

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LENGTH	NEBRASKA SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS	McREL NATIONAL STANDARDS
3 - 4 days	US History: 12.1.4 World History: 12.2.4, 12.2.9, 12.2.10, 12.2.7, 12.2.5	World History: 12.1.8, 12.1.9, 12.2.10 US: Era 7 (24&25), Era 9 (28&29)

OBJECTIVES	TERMS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students will discuss the need for “rules of engagement” during times of war.2. Students will analyze examples of the rules and compare those that are followed and those that are consistently broken.	Rules of Engagement Double Standards War Crimes

MATERIALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example list of historical wars and crimes and Sample Articles (attached)• Rules of Engagement Worksheet (attached)• List rules of war required by International law to be followed by each country Hague Law http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/law/hague-iv-1907.txt Customary International Humanitarian Law: Questions and Answers http://www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/iwpList133/E02D32D1A4976030C1256FEB005007A1

Day One

- I. Create a class definition of **war crime**. Ask and discuss:
“How can war have crimes? Why do we need a list of rules?”
- II. Look at the examples from the list of wars and war crimes. How was the world (or specific countries) involved?
- III. Read the specific Hague articles of war (on website above) mentioned in the attached table. Try to match examples of war to actual Rules of Engagement from the International Humanitarian Laws.
 - a. Compare rules followed to rules broken. End the class with a discussion about what should be done to those who break the rules.
 - b. Set up a chart to compare actual events and rules of engagement (see attached).

Day Two

- III. **Assessment:** What should we do about those who break the Rules?
 - a. Debate if there is a paradox and why there are such laws governing war.
 - b. When are rules of war to be applied and who should make that decision?

SAMPLE WAR DATES

English Civil Wars 1625—1649	US Revolutionary War 1775—1783	French Revolution 1789—1799
US/Britain War of 1812 1812—1815	US/Mexican War 1846—1848	China Taiping Revolution 1850—1864
US Civil War 1861—1865	Spanish-American War 1898	Boer War 1899—1902
World War I 1914—1918	US/Mexican Border War 1916—1917	World War II Nazi War Crimes Japanese War Crimes 1939—1945
Korean War 1950—1955	Vietnam War My Lai Massacre 1955—1976	Lebanese Peacekeeping Force 1982
Liberia/Sierra Leone Regional Conflict 1990—	Yugoslavian Ethnic Cleansing 1991-1999	Persian Gulf War 1990—1991
Khmer Rouge Reign of Terror 1975—1991	Rwandan Genocide 1994	Guantánamo Bay Prisoner Abuse 2001—2004
	US/Iraq War 2003—	Abu Ghraib Prisoner Abuse 2003—2004

SAMPLE TOPICS CONCERNING LAWS OF WAR

HAGUE ARTICLE	TOPICS
1	Responsibility of capturing government
4	Treatment
6	Confinement
7	Employment of Labor
10	Payment of Labor
13	Religious liberty
16	Capture of sick and wounded
18	Spies
23	Reparations
25	Repatriotism

War Example	Rule(s) of Engagement	How Rule Was Broken